

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 remain in the application. The final rejection of claims 1-13 and 16 was appealed to the Board Of Patent Appeals And Interferences. On March 24, 2008 the Board issued a decision. The final rejection was "Affirmed-in-part". The rejection of claim 16 over Anguera was sustained in a new rejection. However, the rejection of claim 16 over Larsen alone was not sustained. The Board did not sustain the remaining rejections, namely:

THE REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-5, 7-12 AS OBVIOUS UNDER 35 USC 103(a) OVER LARSEN IN VIEW OF ANGUERA '191.

THE REJECTION OF CLAIMS 9-11 AS OBVIOUS UNDER 35 USC 103(a) OVER LARSEN AND IN VIEW OF ANGUERA '191 AND IN FURTHER VIEW OF BOUTON.

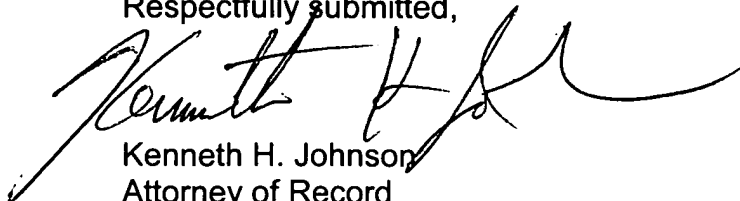
THE REJECTION OF CLAIMS 6 AND 13 AS OBVIOUS UNDER 35 USC 103(a) OVER LARSEN IN VIEW OF ANGUERA '191 IN FURTHER VIEW OF BOUTON IN FURTHER VIEW OF JAPANESE '022.

Therefore, claim 1-13 are allowable over the art in view of the Board's decision.

The Board made a new rejection of claims 1-13 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph for the recitation, " that the bores extend in a first direction and that the pins extend in a second direction opposite to the first direction." This limitation has been deleted from claims 1-13, therefore overcoming the new rejection.

Claims 1-13 as amended are now in condition for allowance which is respectfully requested in due course.

Respectfully submitted,



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